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MS PATENT APPLICATION

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(Small Entity)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled: **POINTS-BASED REWARD AUTOMATION SYSTEM AND METHOD**

and invented by: **SCHLEICHER et al.**

Enclosed are:

1. Filing Fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 47 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross references to Related Applications (*if applicable*)

- c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development
- d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
- e. Background of the Invention
- f. Brief Summary of the Invention
- g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
- h. Detailed Description
- i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j. Abstract of the Disclosure

3. Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)

- a. Formal Number of Sheets 12
- b. Informal Number of Sheets

4. Oath or Declaration

- a. Newly executed (*original or copy*) Unexecuted
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
- d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the Prior Application, see 37. CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents(s)*)

7. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)

8. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

9. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

10. Preliminary Amendment

11. Acknowledgement Postcard

12. Mailed Via

- First Class Express Mail (*Specify Label No.*) **EV334067778US**

13. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)

14. Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (*attach PTO/SB/35*)

15. Additional Enclosures:

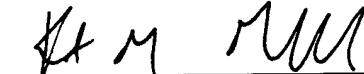
FEE CALCULATION (Small Entity)

For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	43	- 20	23	\$9.00	\$207.00
Indep. Claims	8	- 3	5	\$42.00	\$210.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (If applicable, please add \$ 140.00)					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$375.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose):					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$792.00

Applicant claims small entity status. No fee is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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